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AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 23, 2009, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 15, 16 and 18-41 remain pending, and are rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 4,534,514 to Aghnides et al. (“Aghnides”) and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0084353 to Griffin et al. (“Griffin”). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection of claims 15 and 41 for obviousness in view of the combination of Aghnides and Griffin should be withdrawn because:

1. Aghnides and Griffin each do not disclose or suggest the claimed intermediate holder (6);
2. One skilled in the art would not have interpreted Aghnides and Griffin in the same manner as the Office Action;
3. One skilled in the art would not have combined Aghnides and Griffin for the reasons set forth in the Office Action; and
4. The combination of Aghnides and Griffin would not result in a device with the claimed intermediate holder (6).